

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of)
Kurokawa et al.)
Serial No.: 10/643,690)
Filed: August 19, 2003)
For: A Semiconductor Device And An)
Electronic Device)
Art Unit: 2815)
Confirmation No.: 5081)
Examiner: Jesse A. Fenty)
Commissioner for Patents)
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RESPONSE (C)

Sir:

Applicants have the following response to the Office Action of September 27, 2006.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 7, 10-13, 16-19, 21, 24-27, 43, 44 and 46-53.

Applicants will now address the Examiner's remaining rejection in the Office Action.

Double Patenting

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1, 4 and 6 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 3 of US 6,621,130. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are filing herewith a terminal disclaimer over the '130 patent and terminal disclaimer fee. Accordingly, this rejection has been overcome, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any further fee should be due for this response or the terminal disclaimer, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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